

REMARKS

Pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith, the claims have been amended in a manner which is considered to place them into consideration for allowance. The amended claims are supported in the originally filed specification, e.g., in the paragraph spanning pages 11 and 12.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the present claimed invention would not have been obvious over *Hall et al* in view of *Kuykendall*. The step of queuing the vehicle in accordance with the tag identification number is not taught or suggested in either of those references and would not have suggested itself from a combination of the references. As acknowledged by the Examiner, *Hall et al* does not teach the use of a wireless tag; consequently, that reference provides no way to queue a vehicle and does not even hint at the possibility of doing so. While *Kuykendall* describes the use of toll transponders at fast-food restaurants, there is no teaching or suggestion to use them for any purpose except payment; in particular, there is no hint of queuing the vehicle. Therefore, the combination of references would not have resulted in, taught, or suggested the present claimed invention.

Moreover, the present claimed invention, with the queuing step, offers the following advantage over the applied references. As noted on page 10 of the originally filed specification, the mere use of AVI does not solve the problems of long lines in a drive-through. By queuing a vehicle in accordance with the tag identification number, those problems can be alleviated. The applied prior art does not teach or suggest such an advantage.

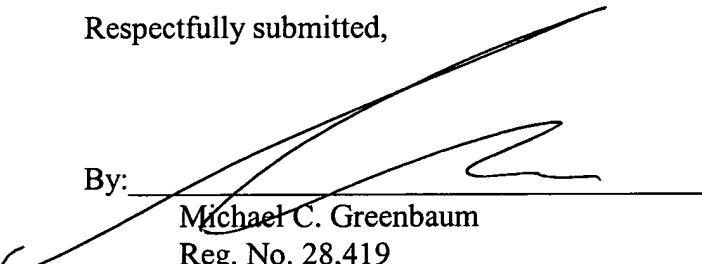
For the reasons set forth above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the application as amended is in condition for allowance. Notice of such allowance is respectfully solicited.

If there remain any questions which can be solved most easily through a telephone communication, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Please charge any shortage of fees, or credit any overpayment thereof, to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (114944-00209). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith or in the patent application and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this Response or is insufficient to render this Response timely, the Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

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